## Committee on Equal Opportunities Council on Postsecondary Education June 16, 2009

## Status: Kentucky Plan Support Programs

The following information focuses on The Kentucky Plan activities since the Committee on Equal Opportunities met February 2009.

SREB Doctoral Scholars Program: The Commonwealth is supporting the following new scholars in fall 2009: six doctoral scholars, four dissertation year scholars, and administrative support for two additional students. The students were selected from a total of 21 applicants for fall 2009. The Council on Postsecondary Education, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Louisville jointly selected scholars. The specific areas of concentration supported by the program are science, mathematics, education (math or science), and engineering.

Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program Annual Conference: Murray State University hosted the 9<sup>TH</sup> Annual Statewide Conference of the Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program June 8-9, 2009. Approximately 250 middle and junior high school students participated in the conference. The conference focused on introducing students to STEM and engaging them in hands-on activities that included careers in health/science, horticulture, and veterinary medicine.

GMSCPP Academically Proficient African American High School Senior and Junior Conference: The University of Kentucky hosted the 22<sup>ND</sup> Annual Academically Proficient African American High School Senior and Junior Conference June 12-13, 2009. Approximately 300 students and parents attended the conference, along with 25 college and university representatives, Council staff, and the Kentucky Department of Education staff. Both students and parents were complimentary of the information disseminated and believe that the conference will promote a greater understanding of the process and preparation required to transition from high school to postsecondary education.

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